material from the whole of duty when brought for use in the manufacture of excisable goods in a Free Trade zone and to further provide for removal of any capital goods after a period of three years from a Free Trade zone to the Domestic Tariff area on payment of appropriate duty on the depreciated value at the time of the clearance.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 895(E), dated the 1st September, 1988, notifying the Central Excise (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 1988.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 996(E), dated the 6th October, 1988, notifying the Central Excise (6th Amendment) Rules, 1988.

(2) Explanatory memorandum (in English and Hindi) on the Notifications mentioned at (i) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. 6597/88 for (1) and (2)].

III. A copy each in (English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 41 of the Finance Act, 1979, together with explanatory memoranda on the Notifications:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 875(E), dated the 23rd August, 1988 exempting H.E. Mr. A. A. Mokanou, Vice-President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of USSR and Mr. Molcuanov, Deputy Head of the Department of South Asia on their visit to India, from the payment of foreign travel tax leviable under sub-section (1) of section 35 of the said Act, in respect of their international journey to any place outside India at the end of said visit.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 878(E), dated the 26th August, 1988, exempting H.E. Mr. Rashlieigh E. Jackson, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guyana, and other two members of the delegation on their visit to India from 23rd to 27th August 1988, from the payment of foreign travel tax leviable under sub-section (1) of section 35 of the said Act, in respect of their international journey to any place outside India at the end of the said visit.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 879(E), dated the 26th August, 1980, exempting H.E. Mr. Ali Alatas, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, his wife and two officials of the delegation on their visit to India from 24th to 26th August, 1988, from the payment of foreign travel tax leviable under sub-section (1) of section 35 of the said Act, in respect of their international journey to any place outside India at the end of the said visit.

(iv) G.S.R. No. 951 (E), dated the 27th September, 1988, exempting their Majesty King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev and Queen Aishwarya Rajya Laxmi Devi Shah of Nepal and seventeen members of the delegation on their visit to India from 29th to 30th September, 1988, from the payment of foreign travel tax leviable under sub-section (1) of section 35 of the said Act, in respect of their International journey to any place outside India at the end of the said visit.

(v) G.S.R. No. 955(E), dated the 28th September, 1988, exempting His Excellency Mr. H. M. Ershad, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and fifteen members of the delegation on their visit to India on 29th September, 1988, from the payment of foreign travel tax leviable under sub-section (1) of section 35 of the said Act, in respect of their international journey to any place outside India at the end of said visit [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6589/88 for (i) to (v)].

Andaman and Nicobar Islands Khadi and Village Industries Board Regulation, 1988 and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy of the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Development) Notification issued by the

Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department), publishing the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Khadi and Village Industries Board Regulation, 1988, together with a statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for not laying simultaneously the Hindi version of the Regulation. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT- 6803/88].

Notification of the Ministry of Commerce

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P R. DAS MUNSHI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 8 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1947, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Commerce Notification S.O. No. 899(E), dated the 30th September, 1988, amending the Government Notification S.O. No. 352 (E), dated the 30th March, 1988, in the Open General Licence No. 24/88, dated the 30th March, 1988. [Placed in Library. See No. LT- /88).

Statements showing the action taken by Government on the various assurances, promises and undertakings given during the various sessions.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table the following statements (in English and Hindi) showing the action taken by Government on the various assurances, promises and undertakings given during the Sessions shown against each:—

(1) Statement No. XVII—Hundred and Thirty-fourth Session, 1985.

(2) Statement No. XXI—Hundred and Thirty-fifth Session, 1985.

(3) Statement No. XVIII—Hundred and Thirty-sixth Session, 1985.

(4) Statement No. XVIII—Hundred and Thirty-seventh Session, 1986.

(5) Statement No. XV—Hundred and Thirty-ninth Session, 1986.

(6) Statement No. XIII—Hundred and Fortieth Session, 1986.

(7) Statement No. XII—Hundred and Forty-first Session, 1987.

(8) Statement No. X—Hundred and Forty-second Session, 1987.

(9) Statement No. IX—Hundred and Forty-third Session, 1987.

(10) Statement No. VII—Hundred and Forty-fourth Session, 1987.

(11) Statement No. V—Hundred and Forty-fifth Session, 1988.

(12) Statement No. III—Hundred and Forty-sixth Session, 1988.

(13) Statement No. II—Hundred and Forty-seventh Session, 1988. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6576 to 6588/88 for (1) to (13)].

[The Vice-Chairman (Shri Jagesh Desai) in the Chair]

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Delay in introducing Legislation for Electoral Reforms

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी (मध्य प्रदेश) : मान्यवर, सभापति जी, विगत सत्र में राज्यसभा के प्रश्नोत्तरकाल में एक बार चुनाव सुधार के बारे में काफी चर्चा हुई थी और तब प्रधान मंत्री जी भी थे, विधि मंत्री जी भी थे। सरकार की ओर से कहा गया था कि जितना शीघ्र हो सकेगा हम चुनाव सुधार के बारे में विधेयक सदन में लाएंगे। चूंकि प्रधान मंत्री जी ने सत्र आने से पहले पत्रकारों को कहा था कि संभवत: इसी सत्र में एक व्यापक विधेयक चुनाव सुधार का हम लाएंगे, कोई निश्चित आश्वासन तो नहीं दिया था, लेकिन यह जरूर कहा था कि हमारी तरफ से कोशिश होगी कि इसी सत्र में आ जाय लेकिन निश्चित रूप से नहीं कहा जा सकता। उम्मीद यह थी कि वर्षाकालीन सत्र में न सही लेकिन कम-से-कम शीतकालीन सत्र में इस बात की निश्चित व्यवस्था हो जाएगी यह आशा तब और बलवती